



# Rear Admiral Wayne E. Justice

Assistant Commandant for  
Capability  
U. S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Wayne Justice serves as the Assistant Commandant for Capability (CG-7). He is responsible for identifying and providing capabilities, competencies, and capacity; for developing standards for the staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, maintaining, and employing Coast Guard forces to meet mission requirements.

Rear Admiral Justice previously served as the Director of Response Policy (CG-53) where he oversaw the development of operational policy guidance for the search and rescue, law enforcement, defense operations, and incident management missions.

Rear Admiral Justice came to Washington after serving as Chief of Staff for the 7th Coast Guard District (D7) in Miami, FL, where he oversaw the performance of 12,000 men and women, as well as 52 cutters, 182 small boats, and 39 aircraft.

His previous staff assignments have included: D7 Chief of Operations; D7 Chief of Law Enforcement; Chief, Office of Programs at USCG HQ; Executive Assistant to Commander, Atlantic Area; and Coast Guard Aide to Presidents Bush and Clinton. Additionally, he served as Aide to the Vice-Commandant, and as the Senior Watch Officer in the Miami Operations Center.

His shipboard assignments have included: Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutters MUNRO (WHEC-724), homeported in Alameda, CA; MOHAWK (WMEC-913), Key West, FL; SHEARWATER (WSES-3), Key West, FL; and CAPE SHOALWATER (WPB-95324), West Palm Beach, FL. Additionally, he served as Executive Officer on DAUNTLESS (WMEC-624) homeported in Miami, FL; and as Deck Watch Officer on HAMILTON (WHEC-715), Boston, MA. In the course of his career, Rear Admiral Justice's cutters seized 40 drug smuggling vessels, over 140 tons of marijuana and cocaine, arrested over 135 smugglers, and have interdicted and rescued over 4,500 Haitian, Chinese, Ecuadorian and Cuban migrants.

Rear Admiral Justice graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Management from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1977. He received his Masters of Science degree in Human Resource Management with Honors from Nova University in 1983. He received a Masters of Arts degree from the U.S. Naval War College, College of Naval Warfare, in Strategic Studies in 1996.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), and Coast Guard Commendation Medal (four awards).